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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT ON FPA WAIVER

REF.: (A) QUITO 6525 (B) STATE 160329

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT CONCUR IN ISSUANCE OF
STATEMENT TO ECUADOREAN PRESS PROPOSED REF. A.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF B, PARA 4, AT TIME OF NOTIFICATION
WE STRESSED TO GOE OUR DESIRE TO AVOID PUBLICITY IN
INTEREST OF MINIMIZING ADVERSE EFFECT OF FISHERIES DISPUTE
ON OVERALL US-ECUADOREAN RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE THIS
CONTINUES TO BE A DESIRABLE OBJECTIVE; AND IN VIEW OF
FACT THAT GOE HAS, AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, A IDDED
BY OUR REQUEST WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE
TO BREAK SILENCE ON THIS MATTER. FOR US TO ISSUE STATE-
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MENT WOULD PROBABLY FORCE GOE TO MAKE SOME SORT OF PUBLIC

COMMENT.

3. GIVEN ECUADOREAN SENSITIVITIES ABOUT SANCTIONS, WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN INVITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THEM IN ECUADOR, PARTICULARLY WHEN OTHER SANCTIONS (E.G. FMS SUSPENSION) REMAIN IN EFFECT AND WHEN WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE FURTHER NOTIFICATION IN NEAR FUTURE IN CONNECTION WITH SECTION 7 (COMMERCE GUARANTY PROGRAM) PAYMENTS FOR SEIZURES.

WE LIKEWISE SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER HERE, AS WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IF EMBASSY STATEMENT WERE REPEATED BY WIRE SERVICES. RUSH

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